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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON AND AMBASSADOR EILTS
FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FAHMY'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 235242

1. IN MEETING WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING I
INFORMED HIM THAT PRESIDENT FORD WISHED TO MEET WITH
HIM IN WASHINGTON AND SUGGESTED OCTOBER 2 AT 1000A.M.
FAHMY WAS VERY PLEASED BY THIS NEWS AND ASKED ME TO
EXPRESS HIS RESPECT AND HIGH REGARD TO PRESIDENT
FORD. FAHMY SAID HE WOULD CERTAINLY LIKE TO HAVE THIS
MEETING IF IN FACT HE GOES TO THE US. HOWEVER,
HIS TRAVEL S PLANS WERE VERY UNCERTAIN AND HE DID NOT
KNOW WHETHER HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAVE THE AREA
BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN TRYING
TO RESOLVE LEBANESE CRISIS. FAHMY SAID HE WOULD
CERTAINLY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SECRETARY'S
LUNCHEON AND SUBSEQUENT BILATERAL MEETING ON
SEPTEMBER 27. WILE HE REGRETTED NOT BEING ABLE
TO MAKE THIS DATE, HE FELT THAT THE LEBANESE SITUATION
WAS PERHAPS AT TURNING POINT AND THAT HE HAD A DUTY
TO TRY HIS BEST TO BRING ABOUT A RESOLUTION.
FAHMY WENT ON THAT THERE MIGHT
BE A SIX-POWER-MINI-SUMMIT AFTER BAIRAM FESTIVITIES

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AND THEN POSSIBLY AND ARAB SUMMMIT MEETING. FAHM Y WENT

ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS NOT REALLY ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT ATTENDING UNGA FOR TWO REASONS: (1) IT WOULD
BE DIFFICULT TO COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS FOR SETTLEMENT
IN MIDEAST AS LONG AS THE LEBANESE CRISIS CONTINUED;
(2) THE ELECTIONS IN THE US WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT
FOR USG TO REACT TO ANY PROPOSALS HE MIGHT MAKE
CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. FAHMY THEN EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL HOPE THAT
PRESIDENT FORD WILL BE ELECTED AND NOTED THAT THE POLLS
SEEM TO INDICATE A NARROWING OF GOVERNOR CARTER'S
LEAD. I TOLD FAHMY OF THE DEBATE THAT IS
SCHEDULED FOR THIS EVENING AND HE EXPRESSED GREAT
INTEREST IN IT. I TOLD HIM I WOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH
THE TEXT OF THE DEBATE AS SOON AS I RECEIVED IT

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FAHMY WAS CLEARLY GRATIFIED
BY OFFER OF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND WAS
SOBERLY TEMPTED TO TRY TO FIT IN A QUICK VISIT
TO US IN ORDER TO SEE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY
I BELIEVE IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT HE WILL IN FACT
BE ABLE TO GO. IN ANY CASE HE WILL NOT BE IN NEW YORK
BY SEPTEMBER 27. FOLLOWING ON OTHER ASPECTS
OF THIS ONE AND ONE -HALF HOUR MEETING. OFFER OF MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT FORD GOT OUR DISCUSSION OFF TO A
GOOD START AND SET TONE FOR AMICABLE MEETING.
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